**Syed Naqvi**

**Civil War Assignment**

**Letters/Journals/Diaries (15 points)**

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| Author: | Private Thomas D. Newton, 8th Louisiana Infantry |
| Date: | **May 28th, 1862** |
| Place of Origin: | Madison County, VA, Confederacy |
| An explanation of the subject/contents of the document: | The letter is from a Confederate soldier to his sister back home, he is basically talking about how he is and asking how his sister and his family is, he is giving a brief overview of the current situation in the war at the time. |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | This is amazing that someone found this letter. I was surprised how much the confederate soldiers missed home, because I had thought that the Confederates were the more radical, war-hungry side, but according to this letter they hated this war just as much as the North. There was definitely a bias for the Confederacy based on that statement. There is an account of a battle at Richmond, where General Jackson had a battle with Northern Troops and took 2000 prisoners and captured 5 car loads of coffee. Based on when this document was written, the South was winning the war because in 1862, the North’s campaign hadn’t fully picked up yet. A question I still have is if the writer was a slave-owner because that would make him want to be more willing to fight in the war, but there is no indication of that in the letter. Something interesting I found how the Southern troops viewed the North, I figured this out when the writer said, “I will endure the toil, forbear the pain produced thereby, before thinking of submitting to such tyrannical vandals as those negro-thieving, undermining, careless, unprincipled band of demons, which are really beneath the notice of the Devil himself.” The confederates really despised the Northern ideals and it’s people. |
| Citation: | Newton, Thomas D. "Letter From Private Thomas D. Newton,." Letter to Sister Mary. 28 May 1862. CivilWarHome.com. Web. 22 Dec. 2010. <http://www.civilwarhome.com/newtonletter.htm>. |

**Newspaper Articles (15 points)**

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| Author: | N/A |
| Date: | June 18, 1862 |
| Title: | Arrival From Dixie |
| Place of Origin: | Virginia; *Valley Spirit*, Pro-Union newspaper |
| Brief Summary: | The article is about General Freemont who captured a lot of Confederate soldiers and was transporting them to Harrisburg, there were 200 in mention and how they behave and their appearance and how they were treated. |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | This newspaper article is surprising to me because it is Pro-North but it is in Virginia. This article and the newspaper itself is definitely Pro-north, because in the article they were judging the confederate soldiers and commenting on their appearance and their manners. A Civil War event around this time period was the campaign against the “Cumberland Gap,” also the battle of Chattanooga took place around this time period so at this point. This is still an early stage in the war where the South was in the lead but the North was slowly turning the tables, but the battle talked about in the article was a union victory. I want to know if the rest of the prisoners were transported there too or not. Something I thought was interesting was that the citizens were judging the prisoners and said they looked “unsoldierly” but their manners were very good, and even know they were on opposite sides of the war both were very polite to each other and the northerners actually took pity on the prisoners. |
| Citation: | "Valley of the Shadow: Civil War-Era Newspapers." The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War. Web. 22 Dec. 2010. <http://valley.lib.virginia.edu/news/vs1862/pa.fr.vs.1862.06.18.xml#05>. |

**Image (15 points)**

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| Author/Artist/Photographer | Gibson, James F. |
| Date: | 1862 |
| Title: | Fair Oaks, Virginia Artillery |
| A Copy (digital or hard copy) of the image |  |
| Analysis: | This image was interesting to me because it shows Union troops posed |
| Description of the Image: | This is an image of 4 Union troops, Lieutenant Robert Clarke, Captain John C. Tidball, Lieutenant William N. Dennison, and Captain Alexander C.M. Pennington, posing on a cannon, it is taken during the Peninsular Campaign. |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | Something that I thought was interesting about the image was that the Union camp looks well equipped and well supplied, they have tents with supplies and cannons and the soldiers look well fed. The dominant features of the image is the cannon and the soldiers, it sort of symbolizes determination, and strength. The Civil war event that this photo was taken during was the Peninsular campaign led by General McClellan. This is probably one of the landing zones from the ships during the campaign because of the tents and packed up supplies. I want to know why they still used swords because I had thought by this point guns were the major weapons now and swords were obsolete. |
| Citation: | "Civil War Artillery." Old Pictures. Web. 22 Dec. 2010. <http://www.old-picture.com/civil-war/Artillery-Civil-War-001.htm>. |

**Song Lyric Template (15 points)**

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| Author: | Words by William H. Morris  Music John Rogers Thomas |
| Date: | 1862 |
| Title: | The Soldier's Return |
| Place of Origin: | N/A |
| Lyrics: | To Miss Van Wyck,  "The Soldier's Return" (1862)  Ballad  Words by William H. Morris  Music John Rogers Thomas  1.  We parted with a cheerful smile,  When last I press'd her hand,  To follow to the battlefield  The Banner of our Land,  The Banner of our Land;  Her glowing glance in memory  Unceasingly will burn--  [CHORUS]  For well I know she will bestow,  For well I know she will bestow,  For well I know she will bestow  The same when I return!  For well I know she will bestow,  The same when I return!  2.  When gazing at the glimm'ring stars,  And resting on the ground,  While soldiers, wearied by the march,  Are slumbering around,  Are slumbering around;  How oft, to hold that little hand,  And here her vows I yearn--  ([CHORUS]) |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | The subject of this song is soldiers departing for war from their families and loved ones, in the song specifically it is a young soldier departing from the love of his life, and he is missing her a lot and misses the touch of her hand. This song evokes feelings of sadness and pity for the soldiers and sympathy too, because they are making an enormous sacrifice. The main frustration is that the soldier is missing his loved one very much and is yearning to be with her. The only civil war event that I can think of around this particular date is either the start of the war when people were going off to war or when the conscription act took affect. I still want to know whether this song was written by a Southerner or a Northerner because it really could apply to both sides. Something I thought was interesting was the lyrics,  “We parted with a cheerful smile,  When last I press'd her hand,  To follow to the battlefield  The Banner of our Land”  These lyrics show the enormous sacrifices those soldiers made for their country, whether they were Southerners or Northerners. |
| Citation: | Thomas, John R., and William H. Morris. "The Soldier's Return." *Public Domain Music*. Web. 22 Dec. 2010. <<http://www.pdmusic.org/civilwar/cws13.txt>>. |